

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a help utility, comprising the steps of:
 providing a utility search dialog;
 inputting one or more search keywords directed to at least one ~~of a plurality of help utilities~~ utility;
 searching ~~one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities~~;
 finding a help utility matching the keywords; and
 executing the help utility.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;
 displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and
 selecting one of all help utilities found to match keywords.
3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 if after the step of searching ~~one or more databases of a~~ the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog;
 inputting one or more additional keywords directed to at least one ~~of the plurality of help utility~~ utilities; and
 searching the ~~one or more databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities.
4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 if after the step of searching ~~one or more databases of a~~ the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility; and
 invoking the related help utility.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein the plurality of help utilities includes help utilities provided by at least one computer operating system.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein the plurality of help utilities includes help utilities provided by at least one computer software application.
7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein the ~~interactive~~ related help utility is a wizard.
8. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein the ~~interactive~~ related help utility is a help file.
9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein the search keywords may be input using a plurality of languages.
10. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a function wizard, comprising the steps of:
providing a wizard search dialog;
inputting one or more search keywords;
searching ~~one or more databases~~ a plurality of wizards according to the search keywords;
finding a wizard matching the search keywords; and
invoking the wizard.
11. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a function wizard, comprising the steps of:
providing ~~one or more databases of~~ a plurality of functions;
providing a wizard search dialog;
inputting one or more search terms directed to one of the plurality of functions;
initiating a search within the ~~one or more databases~~ plurality of functions for a function wizard matching one of the plurality of functions based on the search terms;
finding a function wizard matching one of the plurality of functions; and
executing the function wizard.

12. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:

providing a utility search dialog;
inputting one or more search keywords directed to one of a plurality of help utilities;
searching ~~one or more databases of~~ a plurality of help utilities;
finding a help utility matching the keywords; and
executing the help utility.

13. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;
displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and
selecting one of all help utilities found to match the keywords.

14. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching the ~~one or more databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog;
inputting one or more additional keywords directed to one of the plurality of help utilities; and
searching the ~~one or more databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities.

15. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching ~~one or more databases of a~~ the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility; and

invoking the related help utility.

16. (Currently amended) A system for searching for a help utility, comprising a computer program module operative:

to provide a utility search dialog;

to input one or more search terms directed to one of a plurality of help utilities;

to search ~~one or more databases of~~ a plurality of help utilities;

to find a help utility matching at least one of the search terms; and

to execute the help utility.

17. (Previously presented) The computer program module of Claim 16, further operative:

to determine whether more than one help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms;

to display all help utilities found to match at least one of the search terms; and

to select one of all help utilities found to match at least one of the search terms.

18. (Currently amended) The computer program module of Claim 16, further operative:

if after the step of searching ~~one or more databases of a~~ the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms, to provide the utility search dialog;

to input one or more additional search terms directed to one of the plurality of help utilities;

to search the ~~databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities.

19. (Currently amended) The computer program module of Claim 16, further operative:

if after the step of searching ~~one or more databases of a~~ the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms but a related help utility is found, to display the related help utility; and

to invoke the related help utility.

20. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:

providing a utility search dialog;

receiving search keywords directed to at least one ~~of a plurality of~~ help utility ~~utilities~~;

searching ~~at least one database of~~ a plurality of help utilities; and

finding a help utility matching the keywords.

21. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;

displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and

selecting one of all help utilities found to match the keywords.

22. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching the ~~at least one database of~~ a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog;

receiving one or more additional keywords directed to at least one of the plurality of help utilities; and

searching the ~~at least one database of~~ a plurality of help utilities.

23. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching the ~~at least one database of~~ a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility; and

invoking the related help utility.